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SUBJ: MINISTER OF EDUCATION URGES END TO STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS

REF: SEOUL 3078 (DTG 140927Z APR 78)

1. MINISTER OF EDUCATION PAK CH'AN-HYUN APRIL 15 ISSUED STATEMENT URGING AN END TO ALL STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS OVER ALLEGED BUGGING INCIDENT.
2. MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE IN ALL WEEKEND PRESS WHICH QUOTED LIBERALLY FROM HIS STATEMENT. THE MINISTER WAS REPORTED TO HAVE URGED STUDENTS TO "REFRAIN FROM ATTACHING THEMSELVES TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND TURN BACK TO YOUR DUTY OF STUDYING". PAK NOTED THAT ROKG WAS DEALING WITH ALLEGED BUGGING INCIDENT AND POINTED OUT NEED TO MAINTAIN THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY ROK-U.S. TIES. PAK IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE FULLY REALIZES "THE RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION OF STUDENTS" AND "IT IS REGRETTABLE STUDENTS CAME TO TAKE TO THE STREETS TO DENOUNCE THE SCANDAL".

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3. PAK CALLED FOR THE COOPERATION OF BOTH FACULTY AND PARENTS OF STUDENTS TO INSURE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD NOT CONTINUE.
4. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE INHERENT DANGER THAT ANTI-BUGGING DEMONSTRATIONS COULD DEVELOP INTO STUDENT DISTURBANCES OF A DIFFERENT CHARACTER (DIRECTED TOWARDS

OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT), MINISTER PAK'S ANNOUNCEMENT
CAN BE VIEWED AS GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO RE-ESTABLISH CONTROL
OVER STUDENT ACTIVITIES. PARTICULARLY AS POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS APRIL 19 PERIOD APPROACHES (REFTEL), IT APPEARS
ROKG HAS TAKEN STEPS TO HEAD OFF A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF
CAMPUS DISSENT.
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